

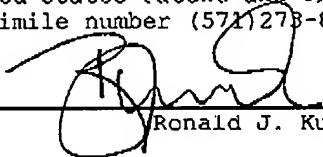
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejections of the claims are requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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